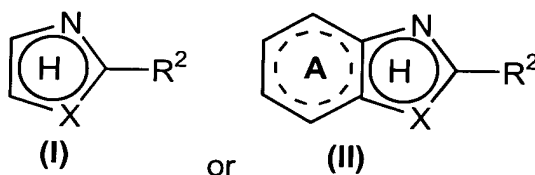
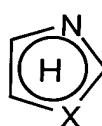
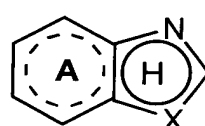


ABSTRACT

The invention relates to methods of synthesizing libraries of diverse and complex 2-substituted azole compounds of the general formula (I) or (II)



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wherein X, R<sup>2</sup> and the ring components  and  are as described herein, novel intermediates useful for synthesizing such substituted azole compounds and methods for identifying and isolating the compounds.